

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following amendments to the Abstract of the Specification.

~~The present invention relates to a~~ A composition for the prevention and treatment of diabetic complications, which contains an extract obtained by: crushing and drying any one selected from Euphorbiae radix, gingered Magnolia bark, parched Puerariae radix and Glycyrrhizae radix; extracting the dried herbal material with alcohol or aqueous alcohol solution; filtering the extract; and concentrating the filtrate under reduced pressure. Alternatively, the composition contains a mixture of extracts from Euphorbiae radix, gingered Magnolia bark, parched Puerariae radix and Glycyrrhizae radix, the amount of each of the herbal extracts being 5-85% by weight based on 100% by weight of the herbal extract mixture. Alternatively, the composition contains magnolol obtained by: extracting Magnolia bark with aqueous 80% ethanol solution at ambient temperature for 24 hours; systematically separating the extract in the order of normal hexane, ethyl acetate and normal butanol, selecting the normal hexane layer and separating the selected layer into pre fractions by normal silica gel chromatography; comparing the pre fractions with the standard form magnolol on TLC to determine a magnolol enriched fraction; and separating magnolol from the magnolol enriched fraction by silica gel column chromatography.